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**From:** Nazmi, Niloufar  
**Sent:** Wed 8/12/2015 12:02:36 AM  
**Subject:** RE: End of Day -- August 11, 2015

I don't track these but if you do, that david schumer one is closed. I sent and EOD blurb earlier. Just FYI.

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**From:** Keener, Bill  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 5:00 PM  
**To:** Zito, Kelly; Glenn, William; Gaudario, Abigail; R9 Supervisors  
**Cc:** Barkett, Bonnie; Maier, Brent; Calvino, Maria Soledad; Higuchi, Dean; Reyes, Deldi; PerezSullivan, Margot; Mogharabi, Nahal; Nazmi, Niloufar; Harris-Bishop, Rusty; Hudnall, Patricia; Ford, Margaret; Henderson, Alita; COHEN, Deborra; Pratt, Kristen; Kemmerer, John; Meltzer, Kathy; Plenys, Thomas; Engelman, Alexa; Hood, Timonie; Blazej, Nova; Stollman, Scott; Johnson, AudreyL; Amato, Paul; Schmidt, David; Skadowski, Suzanne; Rao, Kate; Ty, Fatima; Kao, Jessica; Jordan, Julie  
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## MEDIA

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**National & local news outlets:** For today's daily 2:00 pm media conference call with Region 8, 6, 9 on the Gold King mine release, Jared represented Region 9.

**KNX (CBS Radio in LA):** Reporter Margaret Carrero interviewed Jared about California's experience with abandoned mines and acid mine drainage, in light of the Gold King release in Colorado. (v) SFUND, CLOSED: Bill Keener

**LA Times:** Reporter John Gliona interviewed Jared about the Gold King mine release, and potential impacts in Arizona. (v) SFUND, CLOSED: Bill Keener

**KUNM Radio** (New Mexico): Reporter Marisa Demarco asking about Gold King mine release. Referred to JIC's Rusty Harris-Bishop. (v) SFUND, OPEN.

**Las Vegas Sun:** Reporter Kyle Roerink asking about Gold King mine release. Referred to JIC's Rusty Harris-Bishop. (v) SFUND, OPEN.

**Lake Powell Chronicle:** Reporter asking about Gold King mine release. Referred to JIC's Rusty Harris-Bishop. (v) SFUND, OPEN.

**KONG Radio Kauai** – Reporter Andy Melamed had questions in relation to soil being stored by the state of Hawaii Dept. of Land and Natural Resource for the Hanalei Stream restoration project. Worked with Wendy Wiltse and State DOH to reply in regards to proper run-off controls being installed to prevent any sediment run-off from the soil from entering Hanalei Stream. CLOSED, (V) WATER, Dean Higuchi

**La Opinión:** Reporter Marvelia Alpizar is working on a story about the findings on 107 homes in the Montrose and Del Amo Superfunds sites. Worked with program and sent her the answers she needed. CLOSED. SFUND. (v.) Soledad Calvino.

#### **News coverage on last week's settlements with Safety-Kleen and Cargill:**

- **Sustainable Cities Network:** [California Companies Required by EPA to Improve Oil Spill Prevention Plans](#)
- **The Associated Press:** 2 California firms to improve oil spill prevention plans
  - [ABC News watch](#)
  - [Central Valley Business Times](#)
  - [Inside Bay Area News](#)
  - [CBS 8 News](#)
  - [San Jose Mercury News](#)
  - [Santa Maria Times](#)
  - [KPCC 89.3](#)

## WEB

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### Social Media:

**Gold King Mine/Animus River Spill** - At the request of headquarters, posted to our [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#) pages about our work with state and local officials to ensure the safety of citizens near the spill and about Administrator McCarthy's trip to Colorado and New Mexico tomorrow; linked to our new [Gold King Mine](#) page, which will be updated with the most current information on the spill.

### Web Updates:

**Gold King Mine/Animus River Spill** - Posted a link to the new [Gold King Mine](#) page, which will be updated with the most current information on the spill, on our [News and Events](#) page.

**PCB Permit** - Added the Administrative Record Index to our [Veolia Environmental Services Technical Solutions](#) page.

## CONGRESSIONAL & INTERGOVERNMENTAL

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**Gold King Mine Congressional and Intergovernmental Outreach:** The Regional Administrators for Regions 6, 8, and 9 were on the daily call at 1:00pm for Congressional staff and other State and local elected officials. Congressional staff who announced they were participating on today's call were from the offices of Rep. Ben Ray Lujan, Rep. Steve Pierce and Sen. Martin Heinrich's offices.

**Rep. Ann Kirkpatrick (D-AZ-1):** At the request of OCIR, Brent Maier reached out to Makenzie Mastrud, Scheduler in the Office of Congresswoman Ann Kirkpatrick to let her know that unfortunately, the scheduling of a call today with Administrator Gina McCarthy to discuss the Animus River was not possible, and to let her know that our HQ Congressional office will do their best to connect the Congresswoman with the Administrator when they are able to. Brent reached out to Ron Lee, District Director to offer that RA Blumenfeld would be available to talk with Congresswoman if a call could be arranged. Brent heard back from Ron Lee, District Director that a call today with the Congresswoman is not possible, but that we will try to schedule a call while RA Blumenfeld has some time available while in Reno on Wednesday. Awaiting word from the Congresswoman's scheduler as to her availability and interest in calling

the Regional Administrator. In addition, Brent received a couple of inquiries from Carmen Gallus, Chief of Staff for the Congresswoman who let us know that their offices is getting questions from folks on the ground about what exactly being done by the EPA to prevent the contaminated water from making its way into Lake Powell, and asked whether we have a couple specific examples that their office can report back on and asking if EPA officials are going to be at the confluence of the San Juan River and Lake Powell - building barriers and sludge nets. Following up with Superfund's Harry Allen on this Lake Powell issue.

**Rep. Matt Salmon (R-AZ-5):** Congressman Salmon wrote to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy on August 11<sup>th</sup> about the Gold King Mine and the spill into the Animas River. OCIR's Carolyn Levine shared a copy of the incoming letter. To date, this letter has not been controlled to Region IX. A PDF copy of the letter is available upon request. Link to press release issued by Congressman Matt Salmon on letter to EPA Administrator Gina McCarthy:  
<https://salmon.house.gov/media-center/press-releases/rep-salmon-sends-letter-epa-administrator-mccarthy-about-animas-river>

**Rep. Grace Napolitano (D-CA-33):** Joe Sheehy, Legislative Director for Congresswoman Napolitano reached out to OCIR for the name of a point-of-contact for the Congresswoman and/or her staff to contact EPA to discuss the Gold King Mine spill/release. Brent Maier let Joe Sheehy know that he can reach out to Brent as a first point-of-contact and we will arrange for our senior managers to be available for a call if needed.

**Sen. Dianne Feinstein (D-CA):** Brent Maier received an inquiry today from Caitlin Meyer in Sen. Feinstein's San Francisco Office regarding contact by Soda Springs Mountain Resort in California that has reached out to the Senator's office regarding their plans to use recycled water for snowmaking and asking the Senator to provide her support. Caitlin provided a two-page summary of the proposed project and was asked to follow up with EPA to see whether their plans check out and whether the Senator's office should have any concerns about supporting this project of using recycled water for snowmaking. Brent has reached out to Paul Amato and Kate Rao in our Water Division to see whether EPA has any potential issues or concerns to share with the Senator's office prior to their office coming out in support of this project. A copy of the Soda Springs Mountain Resort proposal is available upon request.

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**OCIR Call for Hot Topics for ECOS Fall 2015 Meeting:** OCIR's Andrea Barbery is requesting Regional Hot Topics "bullets" for the upcoming ECOS 2015 Fall Meeting – August 31<sup>st</sup> – September 2<sup>nd</sup> in Newport, RI. OCIR is requesting shortened bullets from the earlier Hot Topics submitted for the ECOS 2015 Spring Meeting. **We learned today that Arizona will not be attending the ECOS Fall meeting.** The requested due date is Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>.